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SUBJ: PRESIDENT AMIN'S DESIRE FOR BETTER RELATIONS

REF: (A) STATE 275088, (B) STATE 266391

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. I AGREE THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT AMIN, AND AM REQUESTING AN APPOINTMENT FOR A COURTESY CALL.

3. BLENDING THE GUIDANCE PROVIDED IN REFTELS, I PROPOSE TO APPROACH AMIN ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

-- AS UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM NOTED TO FONMIN SHAH WALI IN NEW YORK, THE USG SHARES THE DRA'S DESIRE FOR BETTER RELATIONS. THE RELATIONSHIP SHOULD BE LIKE A TWO-WAY STREET, WITH BENEFITS FOR BOTH SIDES.

-- WE BELIEVE THERE ARE AREAS IN WHICH OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS CAN COOPERATE. SOME EXAMPLES ARE THE ARRIVAL OF ARIANA'S NEW DC-10, OUR EXTENSION OF THE TIME WE CAN REIMBURSE THE DRA FOR RURAL SCHOOLS AND HEALTH CENTERS, OUR APPROVAL OF A REQUEST FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN FOR WAIVER OF PL-480 REGULATIONS TO ENABLE THE EXPORT OF 200 TONS OF WHEAT SEED WHICH

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THE FAO HAD REQUESTED TO MEET EMERGENCY NEEDS IN AFGHANISTAN,

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CONTINUING U.S. CONTRIBUTIONS TO A WFP TITLE II FOOD PROGRAM,
AND CONTINUING CLOSE COOPERATION ON NARCOTICS CONTROL.

-- WE DESIRE TO KEEP UP A DIALOGUE WITH THE DRA IN A WAY
WHICH ALLOWS US TO DISCUSS THE DIFFERENCES WE HAVE ON SOME
ISSUES AND TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES OF COOPERATION IN AREAS
OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

-- WE DO HAVE DIFFERENCES. WE REMAIN DEEPLY TROUBLED BY
THE DRA'S APPARENT ABANDONMENT OF GENUINE NONALIGNMENT
IN FAVOR OF POLICIES GENERALLY INDISTINGUISHABLE FROM THOSE
OF THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA, AND WHICH DO NOT TAKE INTO
ACCOUNT IMPORTANT U.S. INTERESTS, EXAMPLES BEING: THE DRA STANCE
ON THE PUERTO RICAN ISSUE, AND THE DRA CALL FOR THE "WITHDRAWAL
OF FOREIGN TROOPS" FROM SOUTH KOREA.

-- WHILE NOTING WITH APPROVAL RECENT STEPS TAKEN TO RELEASE
SEVERAL HUNDREDS OF PRISONERS, WE ARE CONCERNED AT CONTINUING
REPORTS THAT LARGE NUMBERS OF POLITICAL PRISONERS REMAIN
INCARCERATED AND SUMMARY EXECUTIONS CONTINUE.

-- WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY THOUGHTS AMIN MIGHT HAVE ON
SPECIFIC AREAS WHICH HE BELIEVES OFFER PROSPECTS FOR IMPROVING
OUR RELATIONSHIP.

4. IF AMIN IN TURN ASKS ME TO SUGGEST SOME SPECIFIC STEPS
WHICH THE DRA MIGHT TAKE, I THOUGHT I WOULD SAY THAT IT WOULD
BE HELPFUL IF THE DRA WOULD COOPERATE BY GRANTING DIPLOMATIC
IDENTITY CARDS AND MULTIPLE-ENTRY-AND EXIT VISAS IN THE
DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS OF THOSE TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE
MEMBERS OF THE MISSION STAFF WE HAVE INCLUDED IN THE
DIPLOMATIC LIST, AS WELL AS OUR MOST RECENT ARRIVALS. (IF THE
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DRA SHOULD DO SO, AND IF IT REMAINS SILENT ON THE ISSUE OF
STAFF SIZE, WE IN EFFECT WILL HAVE SURMOUNTED FOR THE TIME
BEING THE PARTICULAR PROBLEM OF THE NUMBER AND STATUS OF OUR
OFFICIAL PERSONNEL HERE.) I MIGHT ALSO EXPRESS AN INTEREST
IN THE REESTABLISHMENT OF AFGHAN-AMERICAN ACADEMIC EXCHANGES.
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